

INSTRUCTION FOR EXERCISE PLAN

Each dealer, exhibitor, and research facility must have a written plan of exercise that has been approved by your veterinarian. This written plan must be kept at your facility and must be made available to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) inspector upon request.

The following two examples do not require additional opportunity for exercise:

1. Individually housed dogs: Dogs with two times the minimum required floor space do not require additional exercise. Calculate your floor space as follows:
 - a. Measure dog from tip of nose to base of tail and add six (6) inches to this number.
 - b. Multiply (length of dog + 6 inches) X (length of dog + 6 inches).
 - c. Answer is the minimum floor space in square inches.
 - d. **Double** the amount of this answer to meet exercise requirements.
2. Dogs in groups: Dogs maintained in cages or pens that provide each dog with 100% of the minimum required floor space do not require additional exercise.
 - a. Multiply (length of dog + 6 inches) X (length of dog + 6 inches).
 - b. Answer is minimum floor space in square inches.
 - c. **Do not double** this answer to meet the exercise requirement space for group-housed dogs.

If your dogs are not kept in space that fits into the examples above, you need to develop an additional plan that provides opportunity for exercise. We encourage you to provide positive, physical contact with humans that encourages exercise through play or other activities. Allowing access to runs or open areas or leash walking are two more examples of ways to provide exercise. Whatever method you elect to provide, make sure the exercise is provided to the dogs often enough to be beneficial.

Document your exercise plan in writing, have your attending veterinarian approve and sign it, and keep the form available for USDA to review along with your other records. Do not send this plan into the sector office.

EXERCISE PLAN FOR DOGS

Please indicate which methods of exercise will be used at your facility:

A. Dogs housed individually:

Must be provided the opportunity for exercise if enclosures provide less than two (2) times the required floor space as indicated in section 3.6(c)(1) of the Code of Federal Regulations and the Nebraska Dog and Cat Regulations.

_____ Facility will provide at least two (2) times the required floor space.

OR

_____ Facility does not provide at least two (2) times the required floor space. Opportunity for exercise will be provided as follows: (Please describe frequency, method, and duration. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

B. Dogs housed in groups

Do not require additional opportunity for exercise if the enclosures provide at least 100% of the floor space required for each dog if maintained separately. Dogs must be maintained in compatible groups.

_____ Facility will group house dogs providing at least 100% of the required floor space.

In developing exercise plans, facilities should consider providing positive, physical contact with humans that encourages exercise through play or other similar activities. If a dog is maintained without sensory contact with another dog, it must be provided with daily physical contact with humans.

All exercise plans must be approved by the attending veterinarian.

Date

Signature of Licensee

Date

Signature of Attending Veterinarian